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Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

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FR: Deputy Executive Director, Operations

RE: AB 996 (Spitzer) — Department of Motor Vehicles Records and Toll Violations

Description

AB 996 would allow the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) access to certain information needed to manage FasTrak[®] accounts, and to collect toll charges and other fees from persons we were heretofore unable to contact due to confidentiality laws.

Recommendation: Support

Discussion

Current law provides home and work address confidentiality to a very long list of public servants, their spouses and their children, such as the attorney general, police and other public safety officers, city council members, boards of supervisors, municipal parking enforcers and museum guards, among others.

While the protections afforded these individuals was originally intended to protect them and their families, the law as written and expanded over time also prevents agencies such as BATA from contacting their customers and others as problems develop. For example, we may know a vehicle is a regular FasTrak[®] lane violator, and also know the vehicle registration license plate number, but we would be blocked from knowing the owner of the vehicle or the owner's address.

AB 996 remedies the above problem; we recommend a support position.

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